

over content of work.” (Docket No. 80, Ex. 1.) This characterization contrasts with a letter Reitz filed with the court on July 20, 2009, which claimed that: (1) her boss at Veterans Legal had pressured her to commit fraud by forging signatures on various documents; (2) she had attempted to report this to the government; (3) Veterans Legal had threatened to sue her; and (4) one of her co-workers “[shot] up heroin in the work bathrooms.”² (Docket No. 41 at 1.)

Reitz claims that Harris knew that she had omitted the Veterans Legal job from her resume. (Docket No. 100 ¶¶ 2-3.) In her previous letter to the court, Reitz went further, claiming that Harris “advised [her] how to answer the interrogatories.” (Docket No. 41 at 1.) Harris claims that he never advised Reitz to omit the information. (Docket No. 88, Ex. 1 ¶ 9.) He does not deny, however, that he knew that the plaintiff had omitted relevant information from her resume.

In sum, Reitz purposely omitted the Veterans Legal job from her interrogatory response, and Harris at least knew of the omission. The court finds that Reitz and Harris are both at fault for the incomplete response, and it will divide the costs equally between them.

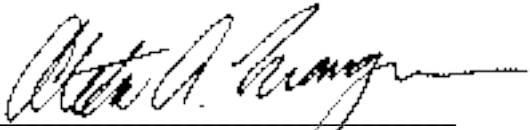
The defendant’s costs consist entirely of its attorney’s fees. The defendant’s accounting states that defense counsel spent 2.85 hours working on the motion to compel, which, at an hourly rate of \$164.00, totals \$467.40. (Docket No. 92.) This was the amount actually charged to the defendant. (*Id.*) The court finds that this amount is reasonable for the work performed.

² The plaintiff claims that the use of the word “amicabl[e]” in the updated resume “was not used to distract, delay or confuse the Defendant.” (Docket No. 100 ¶ 5.) Instead, she claims that she used the word “solely to mean lacking antagonism and animosity because [Ms.] Reitz could have continued to work there.” (*Id.*) This is unpersuasive. In her previous letter to the court, Reitz stated that she “was told not to come back” by Veterans Legal if she refused to forge the signatures of veterans, lawyers, and doctors. (Docket No. 41 at 1.)

Accordingly, Harris and Reitz are each ordered to pay \$233.70 to the defendant.

It is so Ordered.

Entered this 28th day of December 2009.



ALETA A. TRAUGER
United States District Judge